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News in the Circle. Martin Ball.

President J. T. Henderson of Virginia Institute, Bristol, Va., has been elected Secretary of the Layman's Movement. He was for many years President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and is now President of the Virginia General Association. He is a master of assemblies.

The church at Mountain City, Tenn., has just closed a great meeting. The pastor, W. H. Hicks, was aided by Pastor H. B. Jones of Elizabethton Church. 24 were baptized at the close of the meeting.

It is understood that Dr. T. S. Potts, of the Central Church, Memphis, resigned last Sunday morning. It is not known what his intentions are.

Fulton, Mo., church has secured the services of Rev. H. N. Quisenberry. He entered the work March 1st.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, Richmond, Va., is visiting the cities where he formerly labored as pastor. He was recently in Atlanta, and his old congregation was rejoiced to greet him. It is expected he will visit Nashville soon.

Rev. D. A. Ellis of the Second Church, Jackson, Tenn., has been called to the First Church, Corinth. He is a fine preacher and good pastor. It is not known whether he will accept.

Rev. S. M. McCarter, Elkton, Ky., has been elected State Evangelist of Kentucky. He has accepted and will enter the work soon.

Rev. J. S. Corpening, Dillon, S. C., has resigned. It is not known where he will go. But he will not be long out of the work, for he is a splendid man and a good preacher.

The Park Avenue Church, Birmingham, has called Rev. W. B. McDaniel of Tyler, Texas. He enters the work at once.

Dr. W. J. Williamson, St. Louis, will preach the Commencement Sermon at Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Dr. J. J. Taylor of Knoxville, will deliver the sermon before the J. R. Graves Missionary Society.

We extend the hand of welcome to Brother B. F. Whitten, Coldwater. It is better to stay at home don't you think Bro. W.? Am glad the saints at Coldwater are treating you so handsomely. You are worthy of it.

Rev. L. O. Vermillion has accepted the call to the Lewisville Church, Texas, and begins work at once.

Rev. W. R. Brown of Louisiana, has been called to Marshall, Texas. It is not known what he would do.

Rev. S. H. Price has resigned Union Hill Church, Tenn., and the church has called Rev. A. H. Rather. Brother Price has not announced his future plans.

Rev. J. W. Dent has been called to the Hubbard City Church, Texas. He enters the field at once.

Rev. I. E. Gates has accepted the call to the Ervay Street Church, Dallas, Texas. This is the church which Pastor W. A. Hamlett left to go to Terrell.

Just What You Are Looking For.

Turn right this moment to page number 4, run your eyes down the first column till they fall on the words: "Important to Our Subscribers," and read carefully the three propositions there. When you have read several times these propositions, decide before you lay the paper down, where you stand and which one you will accept, and act at once, because you ought to do something. If you have paid up, especially if you have paid in advance, you have our sincere thanks.

Rev. W. P. Pledger has resigned the First Church, San Angelo, Texas, and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League.

The Baptist Flag of Fulton, Ky., issues a call to Mississippi Baptists of the "Gospel Mission" order to organize a State Baptist Association of Landmark Baptists. They want the meeting November 27. It is to be formed on the principles of the General Association of the United States.

Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, who resigned as pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, about a year ago, has not been much improved in health by travel. The church would not accept the resignation at the time. He now renews it. Rev. A. G. Brown is co-pastor, and will likely succeed him.

The First Church, Lexington, Ky., has secured Dr. J. W. Porter of New Port News, Va., as pastor. He is a great preacher and a strong Baptist.

The missionaries in Kentucky report for February 170 conversions; 128 baptisms and 107 added by letter. Splendid showing.

At Stonewall Church, Clarke County, Miss., Rev. H. M. Collins was set apart to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

In the meeting at Ft. Scott, Kansas, held by Evangelist M. F. Ham, there were 228 additions to the church. He is now in a great soul-winning campaign in New Orleans.

Senator Robt. L. Taylor will deliver the Literary address at Wake Forest College, N. C.

The Facts and the Figures.

The Home Mission campaign is moving on beautifully up to this writing, Monday, the 16th of March. Every church, yet heard from, has made an advance over last year—many of them doubling the figures of last year. Up to yesterday not quite 300 churches had made their offerings, or started to do so, which, when rounded out will aggregate \$10,000. This is one-fourth of the churches in the State, and one-third of the amount asked for by the Home Mission Board, and is very encouraging.

We have 1,050 churches yet to hear from, and six weeks in which to hear from them, and \$20,000 for them to raise, which is an average of \$20 a church—less than that much. There are five churches that will average \$500 at least, if they do as others are doing, making an increase over last year.

But here is a table that will show how easy it will be for us all to do our duty and to get the whole amount:

Five churches can average	\$500.—	\$2,500.
25 churches can average	\$200.—	5,000.
50 churches can average	\$100.—	5,000.
100 churches can average	\$50.—	5,000.
200 churches can average	\$25.—	5,000.
700 churches can average	\$10.—	7,000.

Total \$29,500.
The possibility contained in these figures thrills me with delight.

From the very core of my being, I believe the pastors of the churches, above indicated, can easily raise the amounts there indicated. Surely there is not a church in the whole State that could not raise \$10 in six weeks, for Home Missions. Brother Carter has just telephoned me that the Orphanage will give "\$10 or \$12" this year to Home Missions—they gave \$7 last year. Brother Pastor, if your church was made up of orphans, as it is not, and you were to give them the same chance to give that Brother Carter gives his children, the Home Board would be certain to get \$7,000 from seven hundreds of the weakest churches in Mississippi—and on up the above table proportionately.

Truly,
W. P. Price, Vice-Pres.,
Home Mission Board.

What Next?

By Cora Stoddard,
Corresponding Secretary Scientific Temperance Federation

After prohibition, what? Enforcement, surely, but as enforcement all? The wise man provides for the needs of his family for today; he has regard also for the uncertain tomorrow. The children and homes of today may be thoroughly safeguarded from the ravages of drink by well-enforced prohibition, but the wise citizen will look to the future as well. What must he do to assure to it the freedom from the alcohol traffic which he has so hardly won?

Fifty years ago, the open sale of drink was swept by law from a dozen or more States. The next generation brought a reaction. How can anyone be sure that a similar reaction against present legislation will not overtake the State thirty years hence, when the ringing voices which today pronounce judgment on the alcohol traffic, and the hands that have cast the ballots to overthrow it shall be quiet?

Historians of the reaction period tell us that among several conditions to which it was due, two were pre-eminent—the spread of erroneous ideas about the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks, and the ignorance of the young voters as to the evils which had stirred their fathers to forbid the sale of these drinks. The nation had yet to learn that "Thou shalt not" of prohibition must be continually buttressed by the "I will" of education.

It is a psychological fact that reform of any kind once crystallized into law, the public is apt to think the work all done. But there is never a time when there is greater need of earnest, well-planned temperance after the enactment of a prohibitory law, and this work must look to the future, to the training of a generation of citizens who, when they come upon their field of citizenship's duties, will know why alcoholic drinks are dangerous to the individual, society, and the State, and, therefore, will be too intelligent to reverse the action of their fathers of today.

Fortunately, there can be no excuse this time if the fruits of present victories are lost through the appetites or the ignorance of the future young voters. The laws of every State in the country now require that the children in public schools shall be taught in connection with the study of other laws of health, the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and their narcotics. On this rests the reasonable hope of permanent abolition of the alcohol habit and traffic.

Education is a quiet and reasonable method. Temperance literature and lectures tend to lose their power when the sale of drink has been prohibited, for public interest is fickle; it cannot long be held to one subject when the crisis demanding immediate action is past. But while these methods lose in efficacy, systematic instruction as to the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks as a part of the regular course of study in the public schools, without excitement, without turmoil, without the commotion of strife will secure for the State tomorrow young citizens who will be intelligently ready to carry on the temperance work of their fathers, and to defend the State from the insidious arguments and pleas of the organized liquor traffic.

Education is a powerful method. Enthusiasm expressing itself in legislation may be effervescent, effective while it lasts, but leaving flatness when it has passed. Education grips conviction and will—the forces that are the motive powers of human action. Education is a permanent method. It lays little by little that foundation on which will rise the sobriety of a people sober because they choose to be, not because they are compelled.

A wholesome environment is not sufficient. The young man untaught as to the inherent dangers in the use of alcoholic drinks may be safe within the borders of his own State, but how shall he wisely meet the temptations certain to confront him as he goes out into the world where temptation is sure to meet him, often in attractive and well-nigh irresistible guise? Temperance environment is the bulwark within which the young man is safe as long as he remains within. Temperance education is the armor which makes him invincible in the enemy's very midst.

To be effective, temperance education must be systematic. The necessary scientific facts together with the laws of general health should have their definite time and place on the program of the successive grades of the school as have the facts of geology and history. To them the school may add all possible moral influences and incentives toward self-control and a healthful, sober manhood and womanhood.

Secondly, this instruction must be given early if it is to save all the children and the State they are to govern. The influences that surround the child during his first ten years, if intelligently, persistently exerted, are said to be the most lasting. Taking the country as a whole, less than ten per cent. of the children in school are in the grades above the sixth school year. The majorities who will be wanted at the ballot-boxes twenty years hence are in the first five or six school years. If therefore, we would reach more than a small minority of our future men and women—fathers, mothers, voters and home-makers—we must teach them temperance truths in the first five or six years of school life.

All the States including the prohibition States, have laws requiring this instruction. How faithfully the spirit and letter of these laws are being carried out should be the subject of immediate, careful inquiry by every city, town and county.

This way then lies future effort. It appeals to every home where there is a child. It touches every heart that throbs with human sympathy and with devotion to the State. To conserve the victories already won, to illumine still existing prejudice in favor of drink with the light of truth about alcohol, to fortify the child against the temptations he is sure to meet in the world of maturity, to lay the foundation of knowledge that will insure future intelligent action in eliminating alcohol from human habits and traffic—this is the next duty.

Contraction in the Face of Enlargement.

It is a great grief that at this time we are face to face with the fact of a diminished income for our Foreign Board, when we had undertaken to go so greatly forward and when the conditions for successful advance seemed so great. The face of the condition remains unchanged, unless it can be said to

grow more promising. The call for advance has not grown less loud and imperious but more and more loud and clear. Because God has made the condition and is sounding the call, and because God is in His people, I am persuaded that the remaining weeks of our Convention year are to witness the most remarkable giving we have ever done. But if it is to be so, we must be faithful and intelligent in putting the cause to the front and pressing its claims.

Look for a moment at the condition of the fields that impel us to enlarged undertakings.

I am writing from Italy where a social evolution is moving so rapidly as to assume the character of a revolution. Formal religion has here so identified itself with social life as to make inevitable a religious revolution attendant upon the social upheaval. The Papal authority has set itself against the new order, against the current of life and thought, against the coming of the daylight. For free religion that is a marvelous situation. To meet that situation Southern Baptists are expending for the whole of Italy less than the Roman Church devotes to the maintenance of the one Church of St. Peters in Rome. We have on the ground one missionary from America with another compelled to be at home, at least for a time, in this critical hour.

From Africa comes the call of success attending the labors of our missionaries that can be multiplied many times if we can make some additions to our forces.

In Japan we have opened our Seminary, but must limit the general labors of the men who conduct it and at a time when the call for more general work is most imperative.

China is at once the greatest and the ripest harvest field in all heathendom. A young man who went to China under a business engagement found himself beset with calls to teach in missionary colleges and in government colleges and universities until he laid down the business and accepted a professorship. These many calls, he wrote, were not at all due to his special fitness but to the wonderful demand for instructors in Western learning. Multitudes hang on the words of the teacher and the preacher and crowd the hospital and medical office. A nation of four hundred millions of souls, cries, "Come over and help us," and the Master says, "Go over and help them."

From Argentina the same sort of story comes and the youthful mission, opened a few years ago, is making returns of rich fruitage already.

In Brazil we have undertaken to meet the pressing demands of unprecedented success and opportunity by means of college and seminary for training native Christian servants of Christ. But there are no buildings, little means for employing a faculty; and all the while the charming and capable spirit of Soren is exhausting itself in the great capital, Rio, in battling against physical conditions that we could remove by the expenditure of forty or fifty thousand dollars, saving the men and trebling his efficiency. That appeal of Brother Deter in the February Journal in behalf of his fellow pastor in Rio is beautiful in spirit and ought to be powerful in bringing results.

Mexico is in a new era of national life and Baptist missions ought to have the chance to respond to the opportunities of the new era.

Then calls come from other fields where no work is now being done. Russia is

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ready and waiting for us to enter. There are opportunities in several South American States.

The laymen have undertaken to put business thought and money into this work as an investment of the things of time for the returns of eternity. Let us all pray that they may see the day of the Lord's power and be filled with the spirit of His service. Then we shall have the full three-quarters of a million and, and more.

W. O. Carver.

Rome, Feb. 18, 1908.

The Memorial Supper.

It has been my privilege to read The Memorial Supper, by Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary of our Sunday School Board. It is a companion book to the Moral Dignity of Baptism. No one can read it without being impressed with the thought of the important place the Supper occupies in our church life, and that this solemn memorial has been much neglected.

Very few young Christians have given it the thought and attention it deserves.

Our efficient Secretary, Dr. A. V. Rowe, was wise in making arrangements with the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., whereby he could get some reduction in the price. This was done by taking a large number of the books and thus aiding in getting out the first edition. The regular price of the book is 90 cents. It can be had by sending to Dr. A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss., 75 cents. Every young Christian in the State should have it. Pastors should see to it that it is placed in the hands of their members.

The book is endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board and the State Mission Board.

Send your order without delay, and the book will be mailed at once.

Martin Ball.

Winona, Miss.

Laymen to the Rescue.

With the knowledge that there was sufficient money in the hands of the Southern Baptists and with the expectation that many men of large means would this year give largely, the Southern Baptist Convention last May urged the raising of \$750,000 this year for Foreign Missions and \$500,000 for Home Missions.

Did the Committee making this recommendation over-estimate the ability of Southern Baptists, or their willingness, or the need of the money? Is the financial situation responsible for our failure to make the advance anticipated, or have we failed to realize that every State and church and individual must more than double last year's gifts?

Whatever the cause, the situation is a serious one and no time is to be lost if the goal is to be reached. An average of 75c per year, per member, for both Home and Foreign Missions, is not a large amount for Southern Baptists. Others are giving an average of \$2.00 per member and we could do it this year, if we thought so and really wished to do it. The situation can be saved and a discouraging defeat prevented if every man will do his utmost to raise this money by April 30. This means that men of large ability must give large sums and thousands of men of small means must give as they have never given before. We must more than double our gifts of last

year. Will our Master be satisfied with anything short of sacrificial giving on our part and will we be satisfied with anything short of our best? Failure will be paralyzing and who will be responsible if there is failure? It will rest on us, if we do not rise to the emergency. Let the men of the South show what they can do "in a pinch."

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, the Laymen's Missionary Movement among Southern Baptists, has not yet taken definite shape. At the same time we felt that the Laymen can "save the day" even at this late hour, if they will, and, we most earnestly appeal to them to do it. What do you say my brother? Act quickly.

Sincerely yours,

J. Harry Taylor.

Baltimore, March 3, 1908.

Missions.

(By J. A. Lee)

Dear Record:

We have about reached a crisis in our mission work, and there is only about eight weeks before us to meet this demand and give relief to our boards, which we believe are in accord with our Lord and Master.

Before going further let me take a text: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," Acts 1:8.

Now let the brother who does not believe in missions learn this lesson: the disciples were to stay in Jerusalem till they were under the influence of the Holy Spirit, then they were to go. Just so with you, my brother, if you oppose this great mission work. Go and stay on your knees till you have the Spirit's influence, then you will be willing to give of your means, time and influence to this great work. He who willingly, conscientiously and persistently refuses to give to the mission cause has yet to know Christ in the pardon of his sins and is anti-Christ. A second lesson we learn is this: we are greatly honored. "Ye shall be my witnesses." If we were to receive an appointment from the President, or from the Governor of the State to some prominent position we would feel greatly honored and our friends would rejoice with us. Every child of God has an appointment that carries with it greater honors than can be given by any State or nation. Witnessing for God in the mission cause is second to the greatest honor that can be conferred on any one. What you ask is the greatest honor that can be bestowed.

I answer: to be a child of God is the greatest honor, and to be a child of God with a mission is the honor of honors.

We learn also there is a plan or method in this witnessing. They were to begin at Jerusalem. This may be made to represent our homes, town, or community in which we live. They were not to stay at home or in Jerusalem, but were to go into Judaea, which may be made to answer to our State work. But they were not to stop here, but were to go into Samaria, which may be made to represent other States. Still they were not to stop, but were to go unto the uttermost parts of the earth, which represents all nations. This beginning at Jerusalem and going to the uttermost parts of the world was not a happen-so, or an ac-

cident, but was just as the Lord would have us do.

Unto the uttermost parts of the earth is important, but not one bit more so than: "Both in Jerusalem." I believe we should give as much for Home Missions as we do for Foreign Missions, and we pastors should see to it that the Home Mission collection has just as much attention as the Foreign Mission collection does.

Why do I say this? Because Home Missions is foundation work, and if the foundation is neglected the building will go to pieces.

Not long since a gin company had a seed house built and the contractor neglected the foundation and when the seed was put in, the house collapsed. The company had the house rebuilt with special instruction as to the foundation, and today the house is standing and holding. So with our mission work. The Home or foundation work must be well done if we would have the Foreign work to be what it ought to be.

In my judgment, the only logical, practical and safe way to do Foreign Mission work is to look well to the Home work. A few examples will serve to prove this point: Just a few years back Jackson had just one church, and it was receiving help from the Board, now Jackson has three churches, and two of them self-supporting and liberal supporters to all missions, and the third church will soon be so. Hattiesburg was also helped by the Board, now it has three churches, two of them self-supporting and liberal contributors to missions and the third growing rapidly. This might also be said of Gulfport, Biloxi and many other towns in the State.

But how am I to carry out this commission? We may do so by going in person to the field of labor. But all cannot go in person and all are not expected to do so. There are other ways by which this may be done. We may go with our means and thus honor the Lord with our substance. We may also go in prayer and in sympathy, and when we pray for, and sympathize with anything we will also give it our financial help. Peter was anti-mission and while at Jopa the Lord revealed to him that the gospel was for the whole world and not the Jews only. The church at Jerusalem was anti-mission and when it heard Peter had been preaching to the Gentiles, it called him to account for it and he showed them what the Lord had revealed to him, and how Cornelius had heard the gospel and the Holy Spirit had come upon the Gentiles also, then the church was willing to send missionaries to all parts of the world with the message.

Now may the Lord help us to meet our obligations to this great cause and may we give just as much to Home Missions as we do to Foreign Missions.

May the blessings of the Lord rest upon us all.

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This \$350.00 Piano was purchased about a year ago and can be bought now for \$225.00. Cause: Broken up housekeeping. Address M., care Baptist Record.

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Important to Our Subscribers.

The recent ruling of the Postoffice Department is definite and imperative. It is revolutionary in character and necessitates a re-adjustment of the financial policy of nearly all the religious papers of the land. The practical effect of the ruling upon these papers is that, after April 1st, all subscribers who are more than one year behind on subscriptions shall arrange with the publishers about arrearages, or have their names dropped from the mailing list. We are determined to treat our subscribers the best we can, even though we suffer in the operation. We have gone over the situation very carefully, and have decided to submit to our subscribers the following options:

1. To remit us within the next 30 days all you owe us to Jan. 1, 1908; and, if at all convenient, include \$2 for the present year.
2. If the above cannot be done, remit us \$2 for 1908 and send us your note for all you will be due to Jan. 1, 1908, payable Jan. 1, 1909.
3. As we have confidence in the honesty and integrity of our Baptist people, and take it that they would not misstate their financial condition or in any way falsify their word, they may remit us \$2 for 1908, with one-half of what they are due up to Jan. 1, 1908, provided that they will certify that they are not able to pay in full.

Unless some of these things shall be done, there is no alternative for us but to drop the names of all those who have failed to arrange.

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However you settle the matter, if you wish the paper to be continued to you, and we are sure you do, do not fail to say so, in your communication to us.

We shall regret to lose any of our subscribers, but we have no discretion in the matter. We must obey the postal law, and leave all other matters to take care of themselves.

The State Legislature Against Whiskey.

The finality, so far as the present Legislature is concerned, has been reached, with the result that, after Dec. 31, 1908, at Midnight, the legal sale of whisky in Mississippi ceases. The Legislature of Mississippi has the gratitude of prohibitionists all over the State for the strong law they have given us, and the Lower House also has the same for their passage of a Constitutional measure, while the Senate has the responsibility of defeating the constitutional measure.

An anomalous condition is presented by the Senate in passing a Statutory law against the saloon, assuming the sole responsibility for the same, and refusing to submit the matter to the people, to express themselves. This is truly an aristocratic, and not a democratic procedure. If it is a good thing to have a law against the saloon, would it not be a better thing to allow the people a chance to make this good law permanent by incorporating it in our constitution, thus putting it beyond the reach of the Legislature to alter? The action of the Senate will not fail to impress their constituency, that the Senate considers the dear people altogether competent to elect Senators, but wholly incompetent to make a proper, permanent law on this question. So at one sweep the Senate does away with the doctrine of "the Initiative and Referendum." Some of the Senators, bore themselves nobly, but others acted, as we see it, quite shabbily. At least one did not do what he pledged his constituency before his election he would do. The following is a letter which he wrote before the election:

Poplerville, Miss., Oct. 16, 1907.

Prof. T. M. Kelly,
Clerk of the Strong River Bap. Ass'n,
D'Lo, Miss.

My Dear Brother:
My attention having been called to the resolution adopted by your association in its last session at D'Lo, requesting me to place myself on record on State Prohibition, I desire to say that I shall do everything in my power to secure not only statutory prohibition, but to incorporate prohibition into our State Constitution and thus settle the question once for all. It will give me great pleasure to do all I can for all of the reform measures as advocated by the good people of my native State, especially the abolishment of "Bucket-shops," and all other forms of gambling. I appreciate the fact that the success of our government, the prosperity and happiness of our people depend upon the morality and intelligence of the individual citizen and to secure this end I shall direct all my efforts.

Yours fraternally,
Theo. G. Bilbo.

The above is what he said he would do. This is what he really did do: He voted against the Constitutional measure, and when he saw that the measure would fail

however he might vote, he changed his vote in favor of the Constitutional measure. The Senate Journal will show that he voted for the measure, but the above are the facts as told to us by several reputable Senators. Now the questions arises: How could he, as a truthful, reliable man, in the face of the above letter, vote the first time against the measure?

Book Notices.

The Axioms of Religion, or a New Interpretation of the Baptist Faith, by E. Y. Mullins, D.D., LL.D., is just from the press of the American Baptist Publication Society. It consists of 316 pages, is printed on good paper and in large, clear type and neatly bound in beautiful red cloth. The price is \$1.00. The author's style of presenting his interpretation of the Baptist faith, is both interesting and impressive, while the mechanical workmanship is all that could be desired. Its careful study will amply repay any one, whether minister or layman. It can be had of the publishers or of The Baptist Record.

Taking Men Alive, by Charles Gallaudet Trumbull is the striking title of a striking book, dealing in a very vigorous manner with the question of soul winning, based upon the passage in Luke 5:10: "From henceforth thou shalt take men alive." This helpfully book is published by the Young Men's Christian Association Press, New York, and may be had from The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss. Price \$1.00.

The Helping Hand; or Suggestions for Winners of Souls, is arranged by Wm. Wistar Hamilton, Th.D., D.D., General Evangelist of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and published by the American Baptist Publication Society. Sent Postpaid for 30 cents. It is bound in Morocco, and is vest pocket size.

Blue Mountain College.

We are hearing almost daily of young ladies who are planning to come to Blue Mountain for The Teachers' Training Work during the last quarter of our session. The quarter opens April 6th. It is very important that no young lady come without having previously made definite arrangements for board. We really question our ability to provide for any whose applications are not on file before this notice is in print. Yet, we shall be pleased to take the matter up with others, and to provide for them if we can.

Our books do not open for engagements for next session until May first. Last May more than four-fifths of our room was taken the first day the books were open, and in less than a week we had as many applications with cash deposits, as we had places. The indications are that our room will be taken more rapidly when the books open this year.

Lowrey & Berry, Proprietors.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Union Association will be held with the Hermanville Baptist Church. A good program has been prepared, and a great time is expected.

Rev. A. P. Pugh leaves Ellisville and accepts the pastorate of the Okolona Church. The Record wishes for him a great work in his new field.

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A Missionary Vagary.

J. B. Gambrell.

The Arkansas Baptist lays down the bold proposition that only churches have the right to originate the missionary movement. There is not a speck of Scriptural support for this fad. The Scriptures are squarely against it. There are many cases, where movements were originated by individuals, led by the Spirit. It is true, that the church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch; but not to originate a movement. He was sent to look into a movement, already well advanced, without church initiative. Then Barnabas, without church initiative, went and looked up Paul and brought him to Antioch. See Acts XI. 13-26.

From Antioch, there was originated a great missionary movement, when the Holy Ghost sent out from Antioch Barnabas and Saul, not using the church to "originate" the movement; but a few men. (See Acts XIII. 1-13).

When the gospel was to be preached in Macedonia, the movement was not originated by any church. The Holy Spirit "originated" it through Paul. These examples are sufficient. They correlate with the Scriptures throughout. The foundation of the new "Landmark" sect is a pure fancy. When God calls men to preach, the Holy Spirit guides them. That preachers are not to go out to preach, except some church "originates" the move, is contrary to Scripture and to all Baptist precedent. It is a mere fancy of a set of men, who are not even sensible dreamers. Where in the Scriptures is there a command or example which justifies the odd contrivance geared up to do a mission work, known as the B. G. A. Every time they meet, they tinker the machine. No doubt a church might originate a mission movement; but, if it did, the Scriptures nowhere make it the duty of the church to submit its missionary, or its work, to an organization of messengers from other churches for approval.

If it be argued that Jesus committed the work of preaching the gospel to churches, and hence the churches are to originate every missionary movement, the reply is, that is only an argument, not Scripture. The new "Landmarkers" are very long on arguments, and very short on Scripture. And, in this case, their arguments are against the Scriptures. After the constitution of the first church, after Jesus had sent the Holy Ghost to the disciples to lead them into all truth, after the real work under the Commission had begun, and while it was going under the supervision of the Spirit, the Divine records show that the Holy Ghost used the individual to plant the cause in new places, and, in the case of Antioch where Barnabas and Saul were sent out, the Holy Ghost used a few men as His agents to originate a great mission movement. If churches only can originate mission movements, what a pity the church at Antioch was not called together for the purpose of sending Barnabas and Saul on their eventful missionary tour.

We are bound to believe the Spirit knew what Jesus meant when He gave His great Commission to His disciples and how He wanted His work done. If he did, then the "Landmark" brethren are mistaken in their fundamental proposition, as they are all round. Acts. XIII. 1-13 makes a complete end of the whole of them. But they have no standing anywhere in the Scriptures. They are likely contending

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for what they think ought to have been done. But the Scriptures show that it was not done their way, and we have our choice between their way, and the way the Holy Spirit interpreted the will and way of Christ.

Baptists, heretofore, have sided with the Apostles, and believed the Holy Spirit rightly understood the mind of the Master, and led the early missionaries right. This conclusion is so fixed in the Baptist mind that it is likely to remain a predominant conviction.

Never was there a better chance to settle the matter, after the mind of new "Landmarkers," than at Antioch. The Spirit settled it another way, Christ's way.

The old view, certainly the Scriptural one, is that regular preacher can preach anywhere he may be, and may find hearers, many or few, and this without any church action originating his movements. He can receive his living from any source that is clean and honest. An individual may support a regular preacher while he preaches. Or a number of individuals may combine to support a preacher without any church action. The first preachers got their living from the field where they preached, and, where there were no churches. Later, they carried script and purse, and sometimes the churches combined to support them. Paul one time, as many another Baptist preacher has done since, made his living by manual labor. The manner of getting a living was varied, but the right and duty of the preacher to follow the call of the Spirit, and to make full proof of his ministry was always the same.

With old line Baptists, these principles are well understood, and always regarded. A missionary is not "authorized" to preach by any Convention Board. The authority to preach is of God. When a church recognizes the call by ordination, the preacher can preach anywhere. His relation to a Board, if he ever has any, is not ecclesiastical, but a mere contract relation, which can be terminated at will. This is the old way, and we will walk in it. The effort to split the denomination and make a new sect to be known as "Landmark" Baptists, is a colossal blunder, based on an anti-Scriptural fancy. It is every way bad, and there is no good at all in it. These things are said, not because I do not love the brethren, but because I do love them, and regret to see them making a mistake. Nearly all of them will regret it after a little.

With all Scripture and all Baptist precedent against them; with the manifold inconsistencies and vagaries of their contentions, there is no chance that they can do much more than to create temporary dissensions, and finally greatly hurt themselves, while they to the same extent cripple weak churches and retard their growth.

To Our Writers.

Owing to the large amount of matter bearing on missions which must be published now, if it is to accomplish the greatest good, we are obliged to leave out almost all other matter if we use all of this. Some good brethren, whose articles we have had on hand for several weeks are naturally growing impatient for the appearance of their articles, as they regard them important, or they would not have gone to the trouble to write them. When a great deal more matter comes to our office than can possibly be put into our paper, somebody must decide

as to precedence of matter; and, as that judgment falls to the editor's lot, of course he must use the best judgment he has, knowing that whatever he does some will be disappointed and a little chafed by his course.

Let every one who writes for the columns of the Baptist Record have a well-settled understanding with himself that some things he writes will not be published when he expected, and some will never appear. This would be true, even if every article had real merit, because, with the space we have we cannot possibly publish all the matter sent us. We would modestly suggest to all present and prospective writers for our columns, that unless they are willing to put their articles on their appropriateness, timeliness and merit, and gracefully submit to the editor's judgment and impartiality, that it might be well not to take the risk of getting an article into our paper. And while on this question, suffer us to say that any article, unless it be a mere news note of a few lines, which reaches us later than Saturday preceding any given issue, will run a great risk of being left out of that issue. There is no week that we do not have on hand at least three times as much copy as we can use; then of course, two-thirds of it must lie over until the next week and much of it longer. It has been made the editor's duty to determine which shall go in and which shall lie over for another time. In this capacity, he is doing his best with no favorites to reward and no enemies to punish.

The recent weather has been most favorable to our mission cause. Fine weather, large congregations and the general hopefulness that springtime brings are all conducive to large mission collections. We are much gratified to note from reports from all quarters this large increase in mission collections. If our churches keep pace set by many which have already taken their collections, victory for Mississippi is sure. It is true we have a great work to do, but we are many and well able to do it. We want to squarely face the facts and not underrate the greatness of the task before us, but there is no occasion for a single note of discouragement. Let all in a hopeful spirit push the work, and success will be sure. God is honoring us greatly in our advance steps in mission work. May God help us, one and all, to realize our responsibility in the situation, and to do our level best to fill the measure of our duty, and God will take care of the balance.

Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D., of Nashville, Tenn., will preach the Commencement Sermon at the closing exercises of Mississippi College, and Rev. J. B. Gambrell, D.D., of Dallas, Texas, will deliver the literary address on Wednesday following.

Brother A. A. Walker will go to Belzoni next Saturday, the 21st., to assist Brother Mitchell in a meeting. He asks his friends to join him in earnest, agonizing prayer to God that everything he does in this meeting may be done for the glory of God.

Dr. S. M. Provence of Wynn, Ark., has been secured to write expositions of the Sunday School lessons in the Baptist Advance, and Dr. J. T. Christian will conduct the Query Department. Each of these will be well done.

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Convention Board Receipts; January and February, 1908.

S. M. H. M. F. M.			
Aberdeen Ass'n:			
Verona	\$50.75		
Duncan Creek	8.70		
Bogue Chitto Ass'n:			
Tangipahoa	9.71		
Summit W. M. U.	16.50		
Carey Ass'n:			
Natchez W. M. U.	20.00		
Chickasaw Ass'n:			
New Albany W. M. U.	65.53		
Chester Ass'n:			
Chester	10.00		
New Haven	11.05		
Aekerman	76.55		
Central Ass'n:			
Raymond	15.00	7.50	7.50
Raymond W. M. U.		15.00	
Learned		5.50	
Terry	19.00		
Terry W. M. U.		6.25	
Mt. Pisgah	8.00		
Antioch W. M. U.		14.60	
Jackson, 2d W. M. U.		16.00	
Jackson, 1st W. M. U.		9.00	
Canton		120.25	
Clinton		285.10	
Brandon		100.00	
New Salem		3.25	
Copiah Co. Ass'n:			
Spring Hill	5.00	25.05	
Crystal Springs		349.30	
Hazlehurst		404.00	
Sylvarena		9.20	
Sardis	.90	.90	1.20
Bethel		6.00	
Pilgrim's Rest		8.80	
Chickasaw Ass'n:		5.00	
Quitman W. M. U.		21.00	
Waynesboro W. M. U.		2.25	
Mt. Zion	6.00		
Shubuta W. M. U.		4.60	
Buckatuna	11.66		
Cold Water Ass'n:			
Senatobia	34.18		
Senatobia W. M. U.		6.45	
Hernando		67.23	
Columbus Ass'n:			
West Point W. M. U.		9.70	
Brooksville		63.10	
S. L. Hearn Request	50.00		
Deer Creek Ass'n:			
Hollandale		144.10	
Indianola W. M. U.		10.00	
Leland W. M. U.		10.00	
Belzoni W. M. U.		6.75	
Anguilla & W. M. U.		34.70	
Gulf Coast Ass'n:			
Gulfport	1.00		
S. S. W. M. U.		29.40	
McHenry W. M. U.		3.00	
Scranton		35.00	
Harmony Ass'n:			
Standing Line		25.15	
New Hope		3.40	
Friendship Lena S.S.		12.50	
Bethel	2.00	2.00	
Camden	6.00		
Mt. Carmel		11.00	
Hopewell Ass'n:			
Springfield		10.95	
Harperville	2.00	1.35	
Hillsboro	2.25	2.00	
Lebanon Ass'n:			
Zion Hill	4.20		
Laurel, 1st		85.00	
Eastbutte		15.75	
Hattiesburg Col. St. W. M. U.		5.00	

Wiggins	5.00	3.00	
Lawrence Co. Ass'n:			
Silver Creek W. M. U.		10.00	
Lauderdale Co. Ass'n:			
Meridian 1st W. M. U.	10.23	10.23	61.56
Highlands S.S.		3.00	
Oak Grove W. M. U.		5.00	
Meridian, 15th Ave., W. M. U.		17.21	
Immanuel	4.45		
Poplar Springs W. M. U.			
U.			
Meridian 41st Ave.		5.00	
Lincoln Co. Ass'n:		18.05	
Little Bahala S.S.		3.00	
New Prospect W. M. U.		8.25	
Brookhaven W. M. U.		15.00	
Topisaw W. M. U.		4.00	
Mississippi Ass'n:			
Liberty		77.00	
Gillsburg		19.05	
Glading	3.00		
Ebenezer		5.50	
Gloster W. M. U.		38.00	
Sarepta		7.45	
Oxford Ass'n:			
Oxford W. M. U.		42.00	
Batesville		55.25	
Batesville S.S.		5.00	
Courtland		10.00	
Water Valley	500.00		
Pearl Leaf Ass'n:			
Mt. Olive W. M. U.		3.25	
Lowrey's Creek		12.00	
Antioch		10.00	
Pearl River Ass'n:			
Little River	3.65		
Columbia W. M. U.		10.25	
Rankin Co. Ass'n:			
Brier Hill	7.00	6.50	
Steen's Creek W. M. U.			
U.		6.32	
Oakdale	10.35		
Pulaski		3.35	
Sunflower Ass'n:			
Rosedale S.S.	2.50	2.50	
Strong River Ass'n:			
D'Lo Sunbeams & S. S.			
S.		15.00	
Cato	20.35		
Mountain Creek	18.00	18.00	18.55
Tippah Ass'n:			
Blue Mountain W. M. U.		21.70	
U.			
New Macedonia	3.50		
Union Ass'n:			
Unity		1.25	
Port Gibson	30.00		
Pleasant Hill		22.55	
West Judson Ass'n:			
Tupelo W. M. U.		20.00	
Poplar Springs W. M. U.			
U.		5.00	
Oak Hill		3.75	3.75
Yalobusha Ass'n:			
Coffeeville W. M. U. & S.S.		17.85	
Charleston		26.35	
Mt. Paran		5.00	
Yazoo Ass'n:			
Pickens & W. M. U.		49.80	
Ebenezer		8.00	
Milligan Springs		3.00	
Winona W. M. U.		17.56	
Zion Ass'n:			
Harmony		8.40	
Eupora S.S.		11.34	
Philadelphia	2.20		
Springfield	5.00	10.00	10.00
Miss Hightower	1.00	1.00	1.00
Miscellaneous:			
Lucedale W. M. U.		2.70	

General Missions.

Sardis	\$ 44.48
Poplar Springs W. M. U.	5.00

Sustentation.

Greenwood	18.50
Leland W. M. U.	10.00
Koseinsko	31.90
Gulfport 1st	28.73
Prospect	1.60
Brier Hill	2.00
Clinton	20.10
Duck Hill W. M. U.	2.50
Jackson 1st	36.67
Ellisville	24.25
Ludlow	7.00

Bible Fund.

Jackson 2nd W. M. U.	5.00
Magee W. M. U.	1.00
Gulfport W. M. U.	5.00
Hazlehurst W. M. U.	5.00

Training School.

Liberty W. M. U.	12.50
Laurel 2nd W. M. U.	5.00
Hollandale W. M. U.	5.00

Margaret Home.

Mrs. Woods	136.50
Tupelo W. M. U.	5.00
Hazlehurst W. M. U.	2.50

Ministerial Education.

Hattiesburg, 1st	40.00
F. E. Pitts	1.00
Miss Clara Smith	5.00
Utica	22.11
Columbus	125.00
Central Water	12.60
Hathorn	4.10
Gulfport 1st	2.00
Ellisville	14.50
West	9.65
Lexington	24.25

Sustentation Endowment.

J. A. P. Campbell	500.00
Mrs. Stubblefield	25.00
Winona	35.00

Hazlehurst, Miss., Mar. 2, 1908.

Dear Brother Bailey:

I am rejoiced to hear that Brother H. N. Quisenberry, that prince of mission leaders, whom God has honored with such large service wherever he has gone, is in our State for a few days to work in the great cause of Foreign Missions. Already his heart moving appeals are being heard and several churches have responded with fine collections. Our people would have been delighted to had his services, if he had come before our collection for Foreign Missions was closed.

Certainly there was never a time when there was a more urgent need for some heroic giving for this great cause, for which our Christ died, than now. In this hour of crisis when our beloved secretary is in distant lands about his Master's business and our business, we cannot afford to falter. Under the splendid leadership of Pastor Dickens, our Associational Vice-President, Copiah is making a considerable increase. With Crystal Springs leading with \$500 and our own church giving \$427.50, which is not far from \$2 for each resident member, and other churches making good increases, we expect to raise Copiah's record to the highest point in the history of the Association.

Let no man, who loves his Lord and appreciates the unspeakable sufferings of Calvary, plead hard times in the face of this call of God, until he has first greatly reduced his living expenses and cut off the useless luxuries in which he has been ac-

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customed to indulge. No brethren, the multitudes for whom Christ died are perishing in sin and there has never been an hour in which one dollar would go so far in saving them as now. With the foundation laid, we are face to face with the world's greatest opportunity for saving the lost. Let us rally to the Master's call and obey his command.

Yours sincerely,
Robert H. Tandy.

What About Foreign Missions?

In order to meet the obligation of our Foreign Mission Board, working under instructions of the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi Baptists have been asked to increase their contribution to Foreign Missions 75 per cent., nearly. The State Convention at Hazlehurst voted to make this advancement.

What about it brother pastors?
What about it brother laymen?
What about it sister President of W. M. U.?

Have we made the advancement?
The time is short, and there is much yet to be done.

It seems to me one of two things is necessary: Those who contributed to Foreign Missions last year should increase their contribution 75 per cent. this year, or enlist enough Baptists who did not contribute in the Foreign Mission cause to make the necessary increase this year. It would be better to advance and enlist others. As the matter stands the obligation rests upon those who contributed last year.

If we have failed to enlist those who have not been contributing to Foreign Missions, then we must make the advancement ourselves. Financial stringency does not go in the cotton section. When have we had such abundant harvests? And when such exceptionally good prices? Truly God is good to his people. Is not this double blessing from him an indication that he expects greater things of us? Has he not heard the cry of the missionary? Was His Spirit leading when the decision to raise \$750,000 for Foreign Missions was made? Was he directing when we voted to raise \$45,000 for this purpose? Verily, he must have been. Then did he not send the rain and sunshine, and the harvest and prices? Has he not prepared the way for the great advancement in spreading his kingdom? Then let us not withhold from the Lord's treasury in this time of great and urgent need. Let there be a united effort all along the line. If the collection for Foreign missions has been taken already, gather up the fragments and increase it. Pray for missions, preach missions, talk missions, do missions. Brother pastor, lay the facts before your church or churches. Let the Superintendent talk it to his Sunday School, the President of the W. M. U. to her Society, the B. Y. P. U. President to his Society, the Juniors and Sunbeam leader to their Societies. Let the contribution come from every quarter, and we will fill the Lord's treasury to overflowing. Then, such blessings as will follow—For the Lord is not unkindful of our labor in his name.

E. W. McLendon.

Utica, Miss.

Scranton.

Editor Baptist Record:

Will you give me space for a few words from the Gulf Coast? The saints at Scranton

ton have started out with a determination to accomplish something for our Lord and His Kingdom.

In November we had Evangelist George C. Cates with us in a Union meeting. He preached the pure gospel with great power. Concentrating all his efforts on soul-winning. He is a man of much prayer, and great faith. He makes much of the "Blood of the Lamb," as the only remedy for sin. He speaks much of the torments of a bottomless hell, and the joys of a topless heaven. As a result of this meeting we received twenty-five for baptism. We have been on the field eight months, and have received fifty into the church, with others to follow. This is a field of great opportunities, with plenty of hard work. But we joy in such work for the Master. We serve a good people. Some of the best of earth are in this church. Our congregations are growing. It is said we have the best in town. The church is in a better condition than she has ever been before.

Our Sunday School is growing in power and influence. This month it was reported to be larger than ever before in the history of the church. Our good women are doing noble work in the Ladies' Aid Society. Our young people have a live B. Y. P. U. in which they are doing a great work.

It is good to preach to such people. We are praying and hoping for a great year in the Lord's work.

It is with much sadness that I mention the death of my dear mother, whom our Heavenly Father called to her eternal home on Feb. 12th, 1908.

Pray for us in our labors and sorrows. With best wishes for the Record and its work, I am,

Yours fraternally,

C. L. Wilson.

Ministers Chop Wood.

Harry A. Packard, Norway, Maine.

New England ministers during the last few weeks have been doing unusual things. Not satisfied with performing the duties which are the lot of the ordinary clergyman they have entered into the bustle of every day life and performed deeds of kindness involving hard work which a layman would scarcely be expected to do for others. Three ministers, in a little New Hampshire village, have given the lie to the richest man in town, who asserted that "all parsons are too lazy to work." Dressed in overalls and sweaters, they took up the challenge thrown down by the squire of the town, went into the woods and cut cord wood after cord wood day after day until there is no danger but that the churches of that town will have plenty of fuel for the next few years.

Another minister has taken time from writing sermons and visiting the sick to keep up the blacksmith shop, owned by one of his parishioners who has been taken sick. This minister, once a blacksmith himself, supported the family of his parishioner.

At Meredith, N. H., Squire George G. Hoyt, richest man in town recently declared that ministers were too lazy to work. His remark made in the grocery store at the corner caused more real excitement than Meredith has known since the war.

This is how it came about: "I reckon we're in it for a pretty tough winter," volunteered one of the crowd that

hugged the big red stove of the corner grocery. "Money tighter'n a drum, and I tell you hard times is coming for fair."

"Pretty tough on the churches, too; many a parish has all it can do to scrub along through the winter. Reckon the ministers will have to go to work."

"Bill, you are getting worse and worse. Talk about ministers working. Why they are all too lazy to work," said Squire Hoyt. "We have working ministers right in this town, men who wouldn't hesitate to chop wood," retorted the other.

Everybody laughed. Then Squire Hoyt declared: "I'll give the ministers of Meredith all the wood they want to chop on my farm if they have the sand to go and cut it down don down."

This was on Saturday. Monday morning when Squire Hoyt tipped back in his breakfast chair, mapping out the day's work he heard a knock on the door. There, in a big red sweater, overalls, stockings and leggings stood the Rev. E. B. Tetley of the First Baptist Church, and close behind, the Rev. O. N. Beane, pastor of the "Old Brick" Church, and the Rev. Mr. Little, of the Advent Church, each dressed for work with their dinner pails filled and each proudly bearing an axe.

Squire Hoyt was game. He is too stalwart a representative of that old school of gentlemen to be otherwise. He took them down to the wood lot, and selecting a spot where the trees were thick and the wood in Al shape, told them to go to work.

"Wade right into the best of the trees, boys," the Squire cried. "I'm game to the end," and he stood by the fence and cheered them on.

The parsons worked. When the drops of perspiration stood on their foreheads they threw off their coats and vigorously chopped away. They worked like knights going into battle, and in the words of Squire Hoyt: "If ever ministers put in a strenuous day, they were the ministers of Meredith."

Despite backaches and blistered hands they were back to the woodlot bright and early Tuesday and Squire Hoyt heard the steady chop, chop eating into his woodlot all day. "Keep it up, lads, keep it up," he cried, when he ran down to pay them a social visit that day. "I'll be on the front seat next Sunday!"

Wednesday and Thursday and Friday the parsons were at the woodlot. They laid off Saturday to get the Sunday sermons prepared. Sunday was one of these snappy cold winter days, but all was warmth inside the three Meredith churches, thanks to the strenuous week of the wood-chopping parsons. And such congregations. It seemed as if everybody in the parish had turned out.

Everybody marveled. The ministers had won out and risen 100 per cent. in the estimation of the country folks. But the latter thought that the week's work was hard enough and no one expected to see the ministers setting off to the woodlot Monday. Even Squire Hoyt, who has a warm place in his heart for the wood-chopper parsons, was surprised to hear the chop, chop echoing from the woodlot Monday morning. They seemed even more determined than at the beginning.

Signs of Promise.

The close of the second week of March is full of promise for the Foreign Mission and Home Mission interests. The former is still ahead of last year's date by \$1,200, while the other is maintaining \$1,400 advance of same date.

What Baptist has not heard of Mars Hill, a place famous in the Apostle Paul's history, but in Mississippi famous as among the very first churches planted in the State and now nearing its centennial. A country church full of interest incident and whose sons and daughters born there make a great company of the elect. The pastor asked for a native missionary's salary and the response was hearty, rounding out \$105.

Raymond fell into the lead of the column of churches of same size and wealth with an aggregate of \$154.50 for the two great missions.

At Dry Creek, the aggregate reaches \$120, showing that while the creek may be dry, the mission work is flowing on with blessings for the world. In the same pastorate is Pelahatchie, whose response to Foreign Missions is \$55.

At Moss Point the elect, as do nearly all others in that section, live of the saw mill industry, and they do sell us about hard times having come to the mill people, but these saints have not only planned and built extensively to their house of worship, but find some money left for Home Missions, and they are happy in sending this check for \$112.50, but what would Moss Point be if all these years there had been no State Missions.

Brother Nutt is leading to higher heights the saints at French Camp who just double their last year's contribution to Foreign Missions.

In the Tippah hills the Foreign Mission contribution at Union was about as much as they gave last year all told, and this leads Brother Ray, the treasurer, to thank God for an increase of the Mission spirit with which the church is blessed. The same spirit is at Terry where Lee with much assurance doth talk and urge the people to an increase of 25 per cent over last year.

The Chickasaws have been somewhat silent, but this week they show that they were not sleeping, for old Cherry Creek (nomen clara) sends \$74.35 while her youngest daughter, Eeru, that started out for herself a few years ago, lays down for Foreign Missions \$150—but Binsley is the pastor. Among these Chickasaws is Mt. Pleasant and this church sends \$4.11, same cause.

There are many other smaller gifts and doubtless many of them have won the Master's encomium "she hath done what she could," and possibly in these smaller gifts as to size the Master knows some who have cast in more than many of the larger givers, and he will take notice of it just as he did once before. Brothers, sisters, does he say of you and your gift words like these and are you happy in what you have done that lost women may come under the gospel power such as that which gave joy to your own heart? "Do with your might what your hands find to do."

A. V. Rowe.

Report of Baptist Ministers' Conference of Meridian.

By L. E. Moore.

Fifteenth Avenue—Rev. I. A. Hailey, pastor; morning subject, "Feeding of Elijah," 1 K. 17:1-16. Evening subject, "The Ascension of Christ," Acts 1:9.

First Church—Dr. T. J. Shipman, pastor; a good day. Morning subject, "The Message of the church at Pergamos," Rev. 2:12-17. At night, "Leaving Jesus," John 6:66-69. One addition by letter.

Oak Grove—Rev. A. J. Hearn, pastor; Saturday subject, "Reverence and Godly Fear," Heb. 12:28, one addition by letter. Sunday, "Backsliding," Hos. 14:4. \$16 collected for State Missions. The Lord's Supper celebrated.

Mt. Zion—Rev. J. D. Cook, pastor; Saturday subject, Jno. 1:6, "God's Sent Man." Collection for Home Missions.

Concord—Dr. J. A. Hackett, pastor; Saturday subject, Ps. 11, Sunday, "Why the Disciples Were Called Christians," Acts 11:26.

South Side—L. A. Moore, pastor; good Sunday School; morning subject, "I will Be With Thee," Jer. 1:19. Evening, "We Would See Jesus," Jno. 12:21.

Home Missions in the Sunday School, March 29.

The periodicals of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention contain a special missionary lesson for March 29th. This is a timely arrangement, considering the condition of our mission boards and is another evidence of the vital relation existing between our Sunday School Board and the other enterprises of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At the request of Dr. Van Ness, the Editorial Secretary of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Gray furnished an article for the March number of "The Teacher," setting forth the condition of our Home Mission work and calling upon the Sunday Schools for their most generous help at this time of extreme need. Will not pastors and teachers in all our Sunday Schools give special attention to this missionary lesson and to Dr. Gray's appeal to our Sunday Schools? If our churches are to be truly missionary the Sunday Schools must have imparted to them information about our work and be trained to give to it. The hope of our churches and of our missionary enterprises is largely conditioned upon this sort of work in the Sunday School and with our young people. We do, therefore, make this earnest appeal to our pastors and Sunday School teachers to us this lesson and press this cause home upon the hearts of the young under their care.

J. F. Love,

Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

A Great Opportunity for Missions.

The Sunday School lesson for Sunday, March 29th, is a MISSIONARY LESSON. The Sunday School Board has placed much emphasis upon this lesson and has tried to make it an important occasion. The Foreign Mission Board greatly appreciates this effort and desires to urge pastors and superintendents to make the day count for two things:

First. Teaching missions to the young people. This is exceedingly important. If we can reach the young people, the greatest problem in world-wide evangelization will be solved. What a responsibility rests upon those who have this opportunity!

Second. Helping the Board in this time of crisis. There can be no question of the need of help. Let a special collection for missions be taken in every Sunday School where this lesson is taught. Plan for it,

pray for it and press it. Even if the collections are not large, the aggregate will be immense. We renew the offer to give to each Sunday School that gives a part of this special offering to foreign missions and will write us to that effect, one of the large group pictures of all of our missionaries.

William H. Smith.

Richmond, Va., March 7, 1908.

To Our Pastors.

Dear Brother Pastor:

The Third week of March each year, as you know, has been set apart as a special season of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings for our great Home Mission work. It has been a time of rich spiritual blessings with our sisters. The blessings of this week have been carried into all lines of church life. I am not aware of another season of the whole year so full of spiritual power, helpful sympathy and co-operation for our Southern Baptist women.

This year our sisters have arranged a splendid program for that week. They have also prepared a Young People's Program with the special object of completing the \$5,000 offering which our young people are asked to give, for Home Missions this year. This amount is for our splendid building for Mexican work at El Paso.

We must have the help of our pastors, if this great week of Prayer and Self-denial offerings is to achieve the largest results. Timely announcements should be made beforehand. A sermon or address by the pastor the Sunday or two Sundays preceding will be greatly helpful, also personal talks by the leaders and others, and timely suggestions as to how the week can be best used. In manifold ways the wise, energetic, soulful pastor can help these women and children as no one else can do. With a combined effort our pastors can make it easy for our sisters to lay \$20,000 on the Lord's altar for Home Missions during this week. And with a thousand pastors giving a part of the time to the Young People's program, their \$5,000, for the El Paso building ought to be raised.

We are seriously alarmed over the heavy debt of the Home Board. Our work has been projected on the basis of \$100.00 increase over last year. This was authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond. For some months we had a gratifying increase in contributions, but during December receipts fell off nearly 50 per cent, compared with that month for the year before. During January and February the receipts have been painfully small and our debt has increased alarmingly.

Brother pastor, will you not make the most of this great season of Prayer and offerings in your field? A great increase in the number of givers and the size of the gifts is absolutely necessary to save us from a crushing debt at the close of this conventional year, April 30th.

Our work far and wide is being abundantly blessed of God. It would be calamitous to stay the hands of the harvesters in the great ripe fields. Do help, beloved; help and help now.

Yours in the Master's service,

B. D. Gray,

Corresponding Secretary.

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Dr. Willingham's Message From the Red Sea.

The following words have just been received from our Corresponding Secretary, and I wish they might reach the ears of all our people. He writes, "Our thoughts go home much these days as we wonder how the battle goes, and we pray and hope for success. Oh, that our people could see, that they might sympathize with Christ in the travail of His soul for these lost men, women and children. We hope to reach Richmond early in April. We are coming up through the Red Sea, and have just passed near Mt. Sinai and the place where Moses led the Children of Israel over. God said, 'Go forward,' and they obeyed." Shall it not be true during these days of anxiety and strenuous effort that our people will hear God saying to us GO FORWARD, and that they will cheerfully and heartily obey. It seems that God is calling as never before for a great forward movement in our foreign mission work. Shall we be like His people of old and hear His urgent call?

Sincerely yours,

William H. Smith.

Richmond, Va., Mar. 5, 1908.

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"Coming Americans."

Little Travelers.

Young children from six years old and upwards frequently come alone as "emigrants" from the Old World to be met by other members of the family already on this side. Think of that, you whose child is hardly allowed to cross the street alone! Sometimes they are sick when they arrive and are kindly sent to the hospital, but most necessarily be very lonely. These are the children to whom our missionaries are especially tender, and very willing the little ones are to accept the loving hand stretched out to welcome them in the name of the Saviour.

The New York Sun recently contained an interesting account of a "little traveler" who made "friends on every side." When seen at Ellis Island, this little girl in red, so small that she had not mastered the intricate art of dressing herself unassisted, carried a Maltese kitten in her arms. Candy was sticking out all over her like prismatic quills, and whenever she moved about silver coin of all kinds in her pockets—and she had lots of them—made her jingle merrily.

She is Freda Petroska of Warsaw, Poland, five years old. Her father and mother came to America three years ago and bought a farm in North Dakota, leaving Freda with her grandmother. After they had got the farm into good shape and paying, they sent for Freda. An aunt of the little girl spoke English well, and had taught her the language, and she spoke it with slight accent.

She had passage in the steerage of a Hamburg-American liner, but when the cabin passengers heard about her, traveling all alone and tagged for her destination, as all baby voyagers are, they asked permission to bring her up into the cabin, and this request the captain granted. The little girl expressed her belief that there was no more silver and copper money in the world after she had filled all the pockets of the stewardess made for her.

At Ellis Island the money-changer supplied her with more coin; the caterer supplied her with enough things to last her several days, and the inspectors added nickels and dimes to her overburdened satchel.

When a reporter asked her what she thought of America, she said it was "a very nice place."—Selected.

Problem (?) Opportunity.

One of our Foreign missionaries, Rev. E. A. Nelson of Brazil, wrote some time ago: "Nearly all the papers from the South and North are talking about the 'hundreds of thousands' coming from Europe. 'Undesirable' immigrants; calling it a 'problem'."

From the missionary point of view, it seems to be the most blessed "problem" that the church of God has ever met. Ye "fishers of men," what else do you want? Fishes by the millions coming so near your nets that unless you close them you are bound to catch fish by the thousands.

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Did anyone ever hear of a missionary being afraid of being "foreignized"? Did you ever hear of a foreign missionary looking at China's seven hundred millions, India's two hundred millions, the millions of Africa or Brazil, Mohammedan or Catholic countries, with a fear that his converts would be swallowed up or heathenized? I think not. Is it possible that there is a white, black or so green a Baptist as to actually fear "foreignization" when there are 4,000,000 Baptists in America? The vital question before every Southern Baptist, as we think of our steadily increasing host of "foreign neighbors" is: Will you close your nets?—Selected.

How is this great opportunity set before us—the giving to all nations God's word at our very doors. The missionaries at the oars beg for more Bibles that they may satisfy these longing souls.

The following extracts from a letter were written by Mrs. Oxner of Pingtu China, to a friend in Clinton, Miss. Mrs. Oxner is the widow of a medical missionary whose sudden taking away is one of the mysteries which we cannot understand:

Pingtu, China, Dec. 6, 1907.

My Dear Friend:
When I came home from Japan Oct. 13th, I found your sweet letter waiting for me. So many times I have longed for a quiet evening and a chat with you, but too many other things had to be done. As you lay your plans for 1908, let our Foreign Mission work have a large share in your thoughts and prayers. We have much to be thankful for, and yet our hearts are bowed down with sorrow many times. Sometimes my heart fails me, and I cannot help but ask: "Why is it, Lord?"

Our dispensary evangelist has just died, making three from the dispensary work this year. But I must show you a glimpse of the bright side, also.

Dr. and Mrs. Hearn had arrived here to take charge of the medical College before Dr. Oxner had been gone seven months. Is not that great cause for thankfulness? And then my heart overflows when I think of how promptly the Board granted the hospital as an "Oxner Memorial." When it is finished, and suffering men and women are being cared for, I am sure that my loved one up in heaven will strike a more triumphant chord of praise to Him who doeth all things well.

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Deaths.

F. F. Veazey.

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Relentless disease seized upon him some two years ago and brought him to what seemed to us, an untimely grave; but through it all he was a patient, cheerful, hopeful and yet submissive sufferer.

He was our leader in Sunday School work, faithful and true in all his church relations, prominent in business circles, and no more widely known than highly esteemed.

The Baptists of this town sustain a great loss in his surviving wife and children, one daughter and four sons, an irreparable one, while the entire community is clothed in sorrow.

His pastor,
B. J. Whitten.

A Loving Tribute.

Sister Jennie Green left her pilgrimage on Jan. 19, 1908, for her home in glory.

She was born Nov. 28, 1838, she was twice married, first to Oliver Clemens. She leaves, as the issue of this marriage, two sons (William and James). Mr. Clemens having died, she was again married to J. Calvin Green and was his third wife. No issue. It was during the latter part of this period of her life, that the writer knew her, and was a few years her pastor, and loved her much for her sterling Christian qualities. She was the devoted wife of a devoted and godly husband. The last few years of his life were years of much bodily suffering. Through it all this noble wife's tender and patient devotion was remarkable, as it appeared to the writer. She died, after three days' intense suffering, resigned and wearing a beautiful smile, at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, (Mr. and Mrs. Stockley Barnes) near Crystal Springs, and was buried at Bethesda church in Hinds county, brother J. A. Lee officiating.

Her ex-pastor,

Martin.

On March 4, 1908, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Crotwell, in Pelahatchie, the pure spirit of Mrs. Mary Martin, (wife of the late W. H. Martin), passed from its earthly habitation into that blessed sleep of Christians to await the resurrection morn.

Mrs. Martin was 78 years of age, and though in feeble health for many years, and the end was expected, it was with sad hearts that we laid her to rest in the old cemetery at Antioch near Bran-

don, beside her noble husband, who had preceded her to the life beyond, but little less than fifteen months.

For fifty years she had been a consistent member of the Baptist church, and was one of its most zealous workers and faithful adherents.

In her life were manifested many noble qualities, the typical emblems of piety and consecration, the seeds of usefulness and Christianity.

Through her suffering she bore up bravely and cheerfully and quietly submitted to the will of Him, whom she served and trusted.

Her seven children visited her during her last illness and ministered with loving hands to her wants and needs, and feign would have stayed the chilling grasp of death, but despite their tears and efforts, her peaceful spirit winged its way into the hands of the God who gave it.

May we cherish her memory, emulate her example and honor her precepts.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

L. A. M.

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She was buried near her father's home, leaving a husband, a little babe, father, mother, brothers and sisters. Also many relatives to mourn.

Pastor.

Mr. Lyman Smith.

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S. A. Wilkinson.
Columbia, Miss.

Dr. M. L. Banks.

In the death of Dr. M. L. Banks our church lost one of her charter members; for several years Dr. Banks has been too feeble to take an active part in church work, but never lost interest in the things that we were doing. He was not only a staunch Baptist, but a public spirited citizen who had a large part in promoting and developing the enterprises that are the pride of our town today. He died on January 9th, at the age of 77. We join his companion, his family and his many friends in mourning his death.

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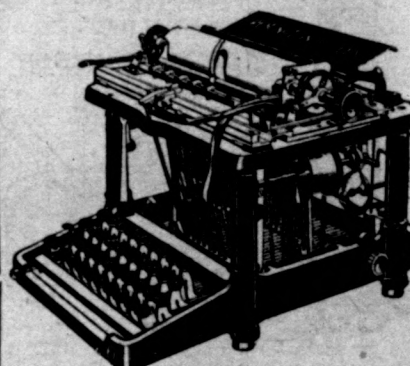
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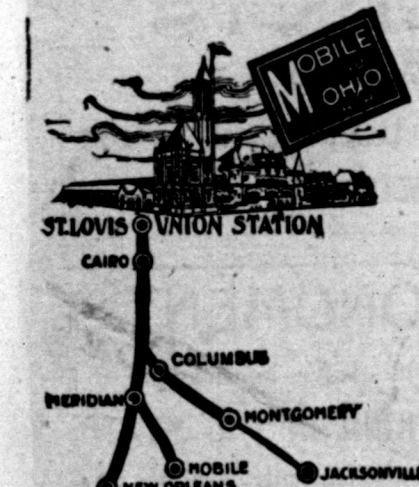
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I have had the pleasure of visiting nine churches in Mississippi during the first eight days of March. I found all the pastors in intelligent sympathy with me in my special work. Several of them were already in the midst of their Foreign Mission offering.

From these nine churches there has already come in cash and good subscriptions \$4,000 and the pastors of all, but one, think the offering will be increased. The week day congregations as a rule were small, yet the Spirit was mightily with us.

Thirty-two young men and women offered themselves publicly to go as missionaries if the Master would use them, and the Board send them. It has been a joy to serve with these Mississippi pastors and churches. I am especially indebted to the cultured, courteous and consecrated W. T. Lowrey. No wonder the people of Mississippi love and follow him as they do. What an inspiration to get in touch with Clinton and Blue Mountain and feel the power of their Christian schools. Ten thousand blessings upon faculties and students. Will all the pastors of Mississippi do their best for Foreign Missions? If in need of fresh and stimulating literature, let them write Dr. W. H. Smith, Richmond, Va., and he will send it by return mail without cost. If all churches in Mississippi will do as well as these churches I have visited, Mississippi will surprise the Convention, and make the heart of the Master glad. Will every country pastor give his people a chance? The Southern farmers have money and very many of them will give it for the Lord, if lovingly asked.

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Burma.

After a pleasant visit to Singapore, of which we wrote in our last letter, we came up the Malacca Straits, stopping a few hours at Penang. This beautiful city is situated on an island at the upper end of the Straits, as Singapore is at the Southern end, and Penang is the point at which the ships touch as they come from Colombo, the Suez Canal, Europe and America. Some passengers got on our ship from Rangoon who had just come from New York, and could give us the latest American news. Our mail from here on comes from the East instead of from the West. We enjoyed our sail up through the Straits for nearly four hundred miles.

Arriving in Rangoon.

On the arrival of our ship in Rangoon we were met by friends and taken to the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. W. Smith. They did not live right in the city, but at Insein, a short distance out and easily accessible by rail. Dr. Smith is the honored son of Dr. S. E. Smith, who is known around the world as the author of our national hymn, "America." ("My Country 'Tis of Thee"). The son came to Burma over forty years ago and stands at the head of the great Theological Seminary for Karen preachers. There are about one hundred and forty young men in attendance. It was our privilege to speak to these young men. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of the saintly Dr. A. E. Stevens, who came to Burma from Georgia in 1837 as a missionary under the old "General Convention or Baptists in the U. S. A." When the Southern Baptist Convention was formed the work in Burma was outlined by the old Convention which was afterwards called the American Baptist Missionary Union, and Dr. Stevens remained in connection with this body until his death in 1886. He served as missionary for nearly 50 years. His daughter, Mrs. Smith, was born in Burma, and she has two daughters who are now missionaries: one Mrs. Marshall at Tharrawaddy, Burma—the other, Miss Anna, who is the chief assistant of her father. She is a lovely character, and he is blessed in having one to assist him who is so accomplished, cheerful and efficient and right in his home. We were glad to claim kinship with these excellent people. Dr. Stevens was a close kinsman of Mrs. Willingham's father. He was a blessing not only to Burma but to Georgia and the South from which he went forth. Many of our people forget that the work in Burma was begun by the Baptist people of all the United States together. When Judson was converted to Baptist views and Luther Rice also, the former remain-

ed in Burma while Luther Rice returned to the United States and collected funds to carry on the work. Many were the stories told about him as he traveled around among the churches years ago in the South. Dr. Stevens was given to this work by the South. Much of the success in this mission is due to his noble life. Several working here today are from the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was with pleasure we went among the workers and saw much of the blessed work which has been and is being accomplished by the Missionary Union in this great field. The apparent success has been much greater among the Karens than among Burmans. It has been hard to get results among the latter. They have clung to their Buddhism with great tenacity. Among the Karens are one hundred and fifty churches which call and support their own pastors. Besides these are some six hundred other churches. Last year the report showed 748 churches in all and 46,995 members; while among the Burmans there were 41 churches and 3,201 members. It is felt out here that more missionaries should be sent for the Burmans. The Baptists have sown and ought not to leave the field for others to reap. But we doubt not that our good brethren of the Missionary Union would be glad to send the workers if they could get them and sufficient funds. There is such great need everywhere, it is hard to tell where it is greatest. The Burmans number about eight millions. Baptists of America will always feel an interest in this people to which it seems that God especially called them for organized mission work in the conversion of Judson and Rice.

Besides the Karen Theological Seminary of which Dr. Smith is President, there is a Seminary for the young Burman preachers. Rev. John McGuire is president of this. There are about thirty students here. The Rangoon Baptist College has in attendance about 1,100. Dr. Hicks stands at the head of this great Institution. We had the pleasure of being in his home and meeting his accomplished wife and also his sweet daughter, who has just returned to Burma, having graduated last summer at Shorter College, Rome, Ga. In addition to the above is a school for the Karens and also a school for Burman girls. In the latter Mrs. Elliott, formerly of Shorter College, is giving her valuable services.

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Besides the work among the Burmans and Karens is that among the Kachins, Shans, Chins, Talains, Tamils, Chinese and English-speaking; so that in all there are 843 churches with 58,642 members. The Baptists of the whole world, as well as all Christians, can rejoice that so much has been accomplished in this stronghold of heathenism.

The time would fail us to tell of the great pagodas here, which are their places of worship. Their system of religion is to try to get merit. This they feel will go with them into a future existence. We saw one woman, now a Christian, who had chopped off her finger, put it in a greasy cloth and burnt it before the image of Gaudama in order to secure merit. While there is much good in the teaching of Buddhism, it is without Christ, and the poor people clinging to its half truths, turn from the true light.

Rangoon.

Rangoon is a pretty city of about 200,000. While there are many English speaking people here, most of the population are Asiatics; Burmans, Karens and Chinese. It has broad streets, electric lights, electric cars, railroads centering here, fine bazaars and stores, and is an up-to-date city. Yet fifty years ago it was described as "a collection of mat huts in a swamp." Its principal exports are rice and lumber. As one goes up the Rangoon river, a branch of the Irrawaddy, the Shwe Dagon Pagoda rises in view up on a hill among the palms. It is surrounded with smaller pagodas in great numbers. Altogether these must have cost millions. The great central dome over 300 feet high, is covered with gold plate (not gold leaf). Multitudes come here to worship.

Notes.

It is customary in this country to rise early, eat what is known as "Chota Hazeri" (small breakfast) and go to work returning to eat breakfast at about 10 o'clock. As the first is tea, toast and some fruit, the second is very acceptable. This plan gives the people an opportunity to work before the oppressive heat of midday burdens them.

It will be interesting to our people to know that in the Minutes of the 16th Anniversary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, held at Ruckersville, Ga., May 5 to 7, 1837, special mention is made of the ordination of Rev. E. A. Stevens to the ministry and the work of missions. The record says "it was a solemn day, and forms an important era in the history of this body." "It was a deeply interesting occasion." Then it relates how Rev. Jesse Mercer preached the sermon, and Rev. C. D. Mallary made the prayer and Rev. I. L.

Brooks delivered the charge. Brother Mercer's name lives on in his works and Mercer University. Brother Mallary has noble descendants in the bounds of our Convention. Among these are the talented, consecrated, liberal laymen of Macon, Ga., Brother Brooks was from South Carolina. His grandson, W. W. Brooks, the consecrated lawyer of Rome, Ga., is the brother who last year at the Southern Baptist

Convention gave \$50,000 for Foreign Missions. We are linked around the world to the past and to the future. God help each of us to do our part well.

As we of the Southern Baptist Convention have a number of Theological Schools starting in our different missions, it was very interesting to be right on the Compound in the home of the President of the Karen Theological Seminary with 140 students, and just across a beautiful avenue in the same grounds from the Burman Theological Seminary with 30 students more. Here then are gathered 170 students preparing for the great work of preaching the gospel. Dr. Smith tells me that the boys receive their rice which they beat out themselves in the early morning and in addition each one receives two cents a day. They club together, do their own work and live on the above. Each club has about eight in it. They live in the plainest, simplest style, have two meals a day. Dr. Smith rightly says that they should live here as they will have to live when they go out among their churches.

The Seminary has sent out 500 preachers, and under the patient teaching of their Seminary President the Karen churches give about two-thirds of the running expenses of the student; for board, \$11 a year for each, and for teachers (not including missionaries' salaries) \$6 per annum. He asks for four cents from each church member among the Karens. The Missionary Union has to give only about \$600 to \$800 a year for this great work. This seems to us to be excellent, wise management. We were delighted to see what a combination of refinement and culture with sweet simplicity were displayed by the noble President in his daily life and in everything about his home and family. It is a daily benediction to his students.

We were rejoiced to hear of one preacher here in Burma, formerly a lawyer making 200 to 300 rupees a month, who gave this all up to preach the gospel. He gets only 40 rupees (13) a month, now for preaching, but he is a glorious soul winner for God. Oh, for more Pauls and Moodys on our mission fields. When we were about to leave Rangoon, Dr. Smith kindly gave Mrs. W., a copy of "America"

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8. Pain and soreness under right ribs.
9. Swelling in any part of the body.
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12. Pain in the hip joint.
13. Pain in the neck or head.
14. Pain or soreness in the kidneys.
15. Pain or swelling of the joints.
16. Pain and swelling of the muscles.
17. Pain and soreness in nerves.
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Hermanville.

This church, I am serving half time; and the other half is given to Brushy Fork and Beech Grove churches. My full work is in the Union Association. It was in this Association that I held my first pastorate in the year 1884. Since that time, I have

served as pastor in this Association having also served churches in other Associations. But, this year I am at home.

My first work here so far is very pleasant. The good people have shown us much kindness, granting us many favors, of these on the night of March 3rd, they

pounded us; in the number that came with their gifts were several of our Methodist brethren. Also, their pastor, Brother Fareman. All this we appreciate very much.

As to the work here, we are planning for a Fifth Sunday meeting, and in this, I ask our brethren who can, to be with us.

J. H. Purser.



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Church Losses.

An excellent article appears in a late issue of The Commonwealth on the subject of Church Letters, and the real duties of officers. It calls attention to the fact that, while putting forth efforts to bring outsiders under the influence of the gospel, they lose by failure to keep proper record of strays from the fold. Absent members are lost sight of, and their names are often dropped from the roll, simply because the shepherd has not sought for them, or the clerk kept in correspondence, when there have been removals.

The granting of letters to individuals, as a rule is an error. It leads to "trunk membership," and such are not of the pale of watchcare. While families are sometimes lost to the denomination, and do not get into our statistics. It does not follow that these results are growth of set purposes, or even suspicion. We need a general movement to correct these evils, and suggest a beginning, by changing the custom of granting "Letters of Dismissal."

In this day of rapid communication, the old style of letters is useless. All that is needed is a "Certificate of Membership," which of itself is our introduction, and a warrant for application, through the pastor or clerk of a sister church to apply for dismissal for the applicant. This avoids all confusion and reduces the practice of holding letters. Until dismissal is applied for by another church, the members remain on the old church roll.

We cannot correct these abuses always all at once; but let us make a beginning. It will entail closer watchfulness on pastors and work on church clerks; but progress and the march of events make it necessary. Commercialism holds the sway of America, and it emphasizes the quotation: "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase."

L. A. Duncan.

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